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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN COVERAGE OF PLATE BASIS FOREIGN MINISTERS".

1. PRESS COVERAGE HERE OF PLATE BASIS FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING WAS RESOLUTELY POSITIVE, WITH APPROVAL OF CREATION OF DEVELOPMENT FUND, DECORATION GRANTED AZEREDO DE SILVEIRA, AND AGREEMENT ON PERON-GEISEL MEETING RECEIVING HIGHLIGHT ATTENTION.

2. THE ELEMENT ACCORDED THE GREATEST SIGNIFICANCE BY PRACTICALLY ALL PAPERS, HOWEVER, WAS WHAT WAS BILLED AS ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AND POSITIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL AFTER THREE YEARS OF STRAINED RELATIONS. SOME COMMENT ATTEMPTED GIVE DUE CREDIT TO ATMOSPHERE CREATED BY PERON'S OPENING SPEECH (HIS PHRASE "WE WILL BE UNITED BY THE YEAR 2000 OR WE WILL BE SUBJUGATED" WAS MUCH QUOTED) AND BY FACT THAT GOA AVOIDED TENDENTIOUS REFERENCE TO ITAIPU CONTROVERSY; BUT PRINCIPAL CREDIT WAS RESERVED FOR SILVEIRA, HIS DIPLOMATIC SKILL AND THE UNDER-

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STANDING OF ARGENTINE CHARACTER HE OBTAINED IN

FIVE YEARS' SERVICE THERE. MUCH EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN TO IDEA OF STRESSING POINTS OF CONVERGENCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND DOWNPLAYING OR EVEN IGNORING DIFFERENCES: SILVERIA WAS QUOTED AS STATING "GOOD-HUMOREDLY" THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL SEARCH OUT POINTS OF COINCIDENCE BETWEEN THEIR POSITIONS AND "THOSE THAT DO NOT JOIN TOGETHER WILL BE ELIMINATED."

3. REGARDING PERON-GEISEL MEETING, SILVEIRA WAS QUOTED AS SAYING IT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN "THE MEDIUM TERM." COMMENT INTERPRETED THIS AS MEANING SOME TIME IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR. THERE WAS NO REPORTAGE OR COMMENT ON SILVEIRA'S MEETING WITH PERON EXCEPT FOR THE QUOTE ATTRIBUTED TO SILVEIRA THAT PERON "IS ALSO CHARISMATIC IN A SMALL GROUP." AND FOR THE COMMENT ATTRIBUTED TO SILVEIRA REGARDING THE PERON-GEISEL MEETING (O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, JUNE 13) THAT "THE TWO LEADERS ARE DISPOSED TO DO EVERYTHING SO THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA BECOME CLOSER AND MORE EFFECTIVE, THUS THE IMPORTANCE OF THERE BEING AN ACCURATE AND PRECISE AGENDA FOR THEIR MEETING, AND OF THE TOPICS BEING STUDIED INTENSIVELY BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRIES." JORNAL DO BRASIL JUNE 14 CITED SILVEIRA AS SAYING THAT PROPOSAL FOR MEETING CAME FROM PERON.
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